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In re U.S. Patent Application of:)
Applicant: Eguchi et al.)
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Filed: December 20, 2001)
For: CURRENT-PERPENDICULAR-TO-THE-PLANE)
STRUCTURE MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT)
AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME)
Art Unit: 2652)
Examiner: Davis, David Donald)

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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: